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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1145
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mrs. Beth Smith on her receipt of the 2002 Disaster Services Volunteer of the Year Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to assisting their fellow citizens in times of great tragedy; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Beth Smith, who recently was awarded the 2002 Disaster Services Volunteer of the Year Award for her outstanding efforts in New York after the tragic events of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, a volunteer with the Red Cross Disaster Services since 1988, Beth Smith traveled to the site of the horrific September 11 attacks to offer counseling and other forms of support for the attack victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith also counseled the numerous brave firefighters, police officers, and search and rescue workers in ways to deal with the terrible events that had transpired; and

WHEREAS, an expert on child and adolescent mental health counseling, Mrs. Smith often times utilizes her expertise to assist in many areas of the relief effort; and

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WHEREAS, in addition to her outstanding services after the September 11 attacks, Beth Smith has participated in other disaster relief efforts, including the Hurricane Hugo effort in Puerto Rico, the 1998 Carter County flooding relief effort, and numerous other efforts in Nashville and Memphis; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and proficient scholar, Mrs. Smith holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from East Tennessee State University, a Master of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Maryland and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Nursing from the University of Texas; and

WHEREAS, her vast knowledge of nursing has enabled her to serve as a Nursing Instructor at East Tennessee State University for 20 years; she currently works for Clinical Trial Management Services of Bristol, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, her many civic accomplishments aside, Beth Smith is fortunate to share love and companionship with her devoted husband, Tim Smith; and

WHEREAS, she is also the loving mother of a son and a daughter, both of whom have chosen to become Nurse Practitioners in order to better serve other people; and

WHEREAS, Beth Smith's outstanding success as a community leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, and reliable friend and neighbor in Bristol; and

WHEREAS, Beth Smith is an exemplary Tennessean, who epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and she is worthy of acclamation and praise; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Beth Smith on her receipt of the 2002 Disaster

Services Volunteer of the Year Award, extol her unflagging dedication to her fellow citizens and wish her success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.